



The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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June 2023 Newsletter

Upcoming:

July 29 (Saturday): IRC Picnic & POTA at FORT HARRISON STATE PARK.

Highlights from the June Meeting:

Meeting called to order at the Salvation Army EDS Facility at 7:30 pm by club president, David Spoelstra, N9KT. There were 28 in attendance

After a few announcements, including a reminder to RSVP for the Picnic & POTA event on July 29 [see more information in this newsletter], David switched into “auctioneer mode” and started the 2023 Indianapolis Radio Club Auction. There were 8 sellers and 17 buyers, with a total sales of \$354, of which \$250 was contributed to the club.

The auction concluded around 9:30.

Ham Radio News:

PICNIC/POTA COMING UP ON JULY 29

Mark your calendars for the (first annual?) Indianapolis Radio Club Picnic/POTA on Saturday, July 29. The event will be held at the Cherry Tree Shelter in Fort Harrison State Park. The plan is for the event to start around 11:00 with lunch around noon. We will have 2 HF stations on the air for Parks on the Air (POTA), using the club’s call sign

of W9JP. If you haven't done POTA, or HF, this will be a great opportunity to learn! Please fill out this [form](#) to RSVP and let us know your plans. We need to know your intentions so we have enough burgers and dogs.

Contact Kevin Colbert, KD9MNB, at colbert@iquest.net with any questions regarding the Picnic part. Contact Ken Bandy, KJ9B, at ken.kj9b@gmail.com with any questions regarding the POTA part.

W9DXCC REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration for the 2023 W9DXCC Convention, along with the DX and Contest Universities is now open at <https://w9dxcc.com/> The Convention and Banquet take place on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at the Chicago Marriott Naperville, and the DX and Contest Universities take place on Friday, September 15, 2023 at the same place.

If you are remotely interested in DXing or contesting, you owe it to yourself to attend the convention, where you can hear presentations from some of the top DXers and contesters in the world. It's also a great opportunity to swap stories and get tips from these same folks. The DX and Contest Universities are where you can learn how to maximize your chances of getting rare DX and improving your contest scores.

TECHNICIAN CLASSES COMING UP

If you know someone interested in getting their Technician license, here are a couple of classes scheduled in central Indiana:

- June 17 and 24 at the LDS church at 9710 W. 56th St., Brownsburg. Contact Bruce Enz, W9ENZ at bruceenz@gmail.com or (317) 201-8299 for more information and to register.
- July 22 and 29 at the Putnam County EOC, 1600 W. CR225S, Greencastle. Contact Jeff Wonser, K9WNZ at jwonser@gmail.com for more information and to register.

HAMVENTION FINAL NUMBERS IN

According to the Hamvention's website, the 2023 Hamvention attendance was 33,861, which is more than 2,000 greater than last year and even surpassed the previous pre-pandemic attendance record at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center of

32,472. General Manager Jim Storms said, “Things went very smoothly due to the dedication and hard work of close to 700 volunteers.” Also related to Hamvention, you can see submitted photos from Hamvention 2023 at <http://hamgallery.com/dayton2023/>

For more information, from the ARRL’s perspective, go to <https://www.arrl.org/news/dayton-hamvention-2023-wrap-up>

For pre-planning, the 2024 Hamvention will be May 17 - 19.

IRC ON-LINE CALENDAR AVAILABLE

If you want to stay up to date with Indianapolis Radio Club meetings (with topics), as well as other area ham radio events, a new Google Calendar has been created, called “Indianapolis Radio Club Events” (catchy title, right?). This calendar is available at <https://tinyurl.com/IRC-calendar> as well as on the IRC website. If you have a Google Calendar of your own, you can subscribe to this calendar so you are automatically up to date with events.

CALIFORNIA HAM HIT WITH \$24K FINE

If you think the FCC doesn’t enforce their rules on the ham bands, evidently if you tick off the right people enough, you may find they do. Evidently, N6PJB did just that by repeatedly interfering with a 75 meter net. To read the whole story, go to <http://www.arrl.org/news/licensee-hit-with-24-000-fine-for-jamming-net-failure-to-id-fcc>

FCC ULS UNAVAILABLE, FILING DEADLINES EXTENDED

Due to unspecified “technical issues”, the FCC’s Universal Licensing System (ULS), as well as a couple of other systems, have been down since around 6:30 pm, Friday, June 9, due to “due to technical issues that the agency anticipates resolving in the near term.” However, as of the writing of this newsletter, the systems are still down, and the FCC has stated they do not have a target for the ULS systems to be back online.

Details can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/news/updated-fcc-uls-unavailable-filing-deadlines-extended>

ARRL FIELD DAY NEXT WEEKEND!

The contest that's officially NOT a contest, known as Field Day is coming up next weekend, June 24 and 25. Field Day is always the fourth full weekend in June, and runs 1800 UTC Saturday through 2059 UTC Sunday. Locally, that is 2:00 pm Saturday, through 4:59 pm on Sunday. To find a registered Field Day site, go to <http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator> Several members of the Indianapolis Radio Club, as well as members of other area clubs have combined for the last few years to form the Indy United Amateur Radio Club, and will be operating at the Victor Conservation Club, on Red Day Road in Martinsville. If you are interested in operating with the Indy United club, contact Brian Smith, W9IND, at w9su@arrl.net If you just stop by, don't necessarily plan on operating, because all operators are scheduled for Indy United. For more information on Field Day in general, go to <http://www.arrl.org/field-day>

INTERESTING ARTICLE ABOUT HAM RADIO

Thanks to a heads up from Mark Burke, W9MGB, who sent in a link to an article about ham radio emergency preparedness. In this article, from the *Guardian*, Glenn Morrison, WB6RLC, talks about preparing for emergency communications in Palm Springs, CA. For the full article, go to <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2023/may/27/ham-radio-emergency-natural-disaster-climate-crisis>

UPCOMING CENTRAL INDIANA TESTING SESSIONS (check with sponsor before planning to attend)

Anderson IN 46016-2238
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club
Date: Jun 20 2023
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Stephen M. Riley
(765) 425-4627
Email: wa9cwe@arrl.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Madison County EMA EOC
200 N Delaware St
Anderson IN 46016-2238

Website: <http://www.andersonrepeater.club/>

Columbus IN 47201

Sponsor: South Central Indiana Communications Support Group

Date: Jun 20 2023

Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Michael D. Tanksley

(812) 350-5175

Email: kd9eau@gmail.com

VEC: LAUREL VEC

Location: East Columbus United Methodist Church Youth Center

2439 Indiana Ave

Columbus IN 47201

Greencastle IN 46135-7587

Sponsor: PCAUXCOM

Date: Jun 24 2023

Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: George E. Edenfield

(765) 721-1771

Email: gedenfield@gmail.com

VEC: LAUREL VEC

Location: Putnam Cty EOC

1600 W County Road 225 S

TECHNICAN TESTING ONLY!!!

Bring pencils masks calculator

Greencastle IN 46135-7587

Gas City IN 46933-1155

Sponsor: GCARC

Date: Jun 27 2023

Time: 5:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

Contact: Mitchell D. Miller

(765) 661-5893

Email: mitchmiller55@gmail.com

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: EMA Building

3921 S Garthwaite Rd
Pre-register only, contact ahead
Gas City IN 46933-1155
Website: <http://www.grantarc.org/>

Bloomington IN 47401-5337
Sponsor: Bloomington ARC Inc
Date: Jul 01 2023
Time: 11:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: William F. Wootton
(812) 876-8689
Email: wfwootton@gmail.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: First United Church - Call or email ahead due to COVID-19
2420 E 3rd St
Register at 11:30am
Testing at 12 NOON
Bloomington IN 47401-5337

Indianapolis IN 46218-2169
Sponsor: Indianapolis Radio club W9JP
Date: Jul 08 2023
Time: 12:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
Contact: James K. Rinehart
(317) 721-1458
Email: testing@indyradioclub.org
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility
4020 Georgetown Rd
Indianapolis IN 46218-2169

Noblesville IN 46060-1624
Sponsor: Central Indiana ARA/ HCRACES
Date: Jul 08 2023
Time: 10:30 AM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
Contact: Joseph March
(317) 224-9433

Email: jmarch54@att.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Hamilton Cty Emer Operations Ctr
18100 Cumberland Rd
Sheriff's Campus Training Room
CALL AHEAD
Noblesville IN 46060-1624

Greenfield IN 46140-9654
Sponsor: Hancock County ARC
Date: Jul 15 2023
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: David Keiser
(317) 440-8486
Email: kc9urp@hrtc.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Hancock EMA EOC
640 South Franklin St
Greenfield IN 46140-9654

Anderson IN 46016-2238
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club
Date: Jul 18 2023
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Stephen M. Riley
(765) 425-4627
Email: wa9cwe@arrl.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Madison County EMA EOC
200 N Delaware St
Anderson IN 46016-2238
Website: <http://www.andersonrepeater.club/>

Gas City IN 46933-1155
Sponsor: GCARC
Date: Jul 25 2023
Time: 5:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

Contact: Mitchell D. Miller
(765) 661-5893
Email: mitchmillers55@gmail.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: EMA Building
3921 S Garthwaite Rd
Pre-register only, contact ahead
Gas City IN 46933-1155
Website: <http://www.grantarc.org/>

Greencastle IN 46135-7587
Sponsor: PCAUXCOM
Date: Jul 29 2023
Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: George E. Edenfield
(765) 721-1771
Email: gedenfield@gmail.com
VEC: LAUREL VEC
Location: Putnam Cty EOC
1600 W County Road 225 S
TECHNICAN TESTING ONLY!!!
Bring pencils masks calculator
Greencastle IN 46135-7587

FEEL FREE TO SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER

If you belong to any other radio groups, please feel free to share our newsletter with them. They can also sign up to be on our mailing list by filling out the form available at http://mail.indyradioclub.org/mailman/listinfo/ircnews_indyradioclub.org.

SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at kj9b@arrl.net

Signals from the Past:

From the (month unknown), 1946, Ama-Chewer:

Now that the FCC restrictions on amateur activities have begun to relax, we are noticing a gradual increase in the number of operators returning to the air lanes, as well as a decided up-swing in IRC attendance and club interest. Many of our boys just returned from distant war theatres are swelling our number, and adding stimulus to the trend toward full scale club operations.

Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- Van Wert (OH) Hamfest: July 16. Details at <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/van-wert-hamfest-7>
- East Central Indiana Hamfest: July 29 (same day as the IRC Picnic & POTA), 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Randolph County Fairgrounds. Go to <https://sites.google.com/view/ecindianahamfest/home> for more info.
- Hendricks County Tailgate Fest: August 12. Details at <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/hendricks-county-tailgate-fest-2>

2023 Officers:

- President: David Spoelstra, N9KT – president@indyradioclub.org
- Vice Pres.: Dave Miller, K9RTT - vp@indyradioclub.org
- Secretary/Treasurer: Ken Bandy, KJ9B - secretary@indyradioclub.org
- Dir. at large: Jim Rinehart, K9RU – board@indyradioclub.org
- Dir. at large: Kyle Bandy, KC9GLR - board@indyradioclub.org
- Dir. at large: Kevin Colbert, KD9MNB - board@indyradioclub.org
- W9JP Trustee: Jay Kraus, W9TC - w9jp.trustee@indyradioclub.org

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<https://tinyurl.com/irc-dues-payment>

Or Scan this QR Code with your smartphone:

